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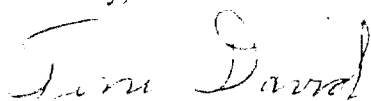
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Food and Drug Administration
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RE: Docket Numbers: 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

Dear FDA;

I am very concerned about the many illnesses and deaths caused by contaminated eggs. Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulating egg refrigeration temperatures are not adequate measures to prevent contamination. Forced molting should be prohibited since the hens' immune systems are destroyed while the birds are being starved. The hens are much more susceptible to disease in this unnatural and inhumane condition. Forced molting increases the chances of contaminated eggs which risk human health. The FDA has jurisdiction to ban such practices and should ban forced molting. Forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs. The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting and this petition should be granted immediately to protect human health and to lessen the suffering of the hens. Cruelty to animals is not acceptable and neither is disease.

Sincerely,



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